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Dear Sirs:

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
United States Patent Application No. 09/402,488
Filed: February 16, 2000
Title: Method For Cleavage of Fusion Proteins
Inventors: Maurice Moloney, Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen
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The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated August 22, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 13, 20, 23, 25, 41, 42 and 44 as follows.

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for the preparation of a recombinant polypeptide comprising
- a) transforming a host cell with an expression vector comprising:
- (1) a nucleic acid sequence capable of regulating transcription in a host cell, operatively linked to

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